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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, state bar number, and address):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
TROPE AND TROPE/SORRELL TROPE SORRELL TROPE (State Bar 21103) 12121 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD SUITE 801 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 TELEPHONE NO.: (310) 207-8228 FAX NO.: (310) 826-1122 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): BRITNEY SPEARS	FILED OS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JAN 02 2008
NAME OF COURT: SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES STREET ADDRESS: 111 NORTH HILL STREET MAILING ADDRESS: SAME CITY AND ZIP CODE: LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 BRANCH NAME: CENTRAL	
CASE NAME: MARRIAGE OF SPEARS/FEDERLINE	CASE NUMBER: BD 455 662
DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF ATTORNEY'S MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL—CIVIL	HEARING DATE: February 4, 2008 DEPT.: 88 TIME: 8:45 a.m. BEFORE HON.: Scott Gordon DATE ACTION FILED: 11/07/06 TRIAL DATE: None

1. **Attorney and Represented Party.** Attorney *(name)*: TROPE AND TROPE/SORRELL TROPE is presently counsel of record for *(name of party)*: BRITNEY SPEARS in the above-captioned action or proceeding.

2. **Reasons for Motion.** Attorney makes this motion to be relieved as counsel under Code of Civil Procedure section 284(2) instead of filing a consent under section 284(1) for the following reasons *(describe)*: There has been a breakdown in communications between Petitioner and Trope and Trope making further respresentation of her interests impossible.

☐ Continued on Attachment 2.

3. **Service**
   a. Attorney has
      (1) ☐ personally served the client with copies of the motion papers filed with this declaration. A copy of the proof of service will be filed with the court at least 5 days before the hearing.
      (2) ☒ served the client by mail at the client's last known address with copies of the motion papers served with this declaration.
   b. If the client has been served by mail at the client's last known address, attorney has
      (1) ☒ confirmed within the past 30 days that the address is current
         (a) ☐ by mail, return receipt requested.
         (b) ☐ by telephone.
         (c) ☒ by conversation.
         (d) ☒ by other means *(specify)*: Petitioner's visitation with the children has taken place at Petitioner's residence within the past 30 days.

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Code of Civil Procedure, § 284;
Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1362

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3. b. (2) ☐ been unable to confirm that the address is current or to locate a more current address for the client after making the following efforts:
   (a) ☐ mailing the motion papers to the client's last known address, return receipt requested.
   (b) ☐ calling the client's last known telephone number or numbers.
   (c) ☐ contacting persons familiar with the client *(specify)*:
   (d) ☐ conducting a search *(describe)*:
   (e) ☐ other *(specify)*:

   c. Even if attorney has been unable to serve the client with the moving papers, the court should grant attorney's motion to be relieved as counsel of record *(explain)*:

4. The next hearing scheduled in this action or proceeding
   a. ☐ is not yet set.
   b. ☒ is set as follows *(specify the date, time, and place)*: February 19, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Dept. 88- Petitioner's OSC re visitation/drug testing of Respondent, Petitioner's Motion re sealing records, **
   c. ☒ concerns *(describe the subject matter of the hearing)*: Custody of the parties' minor children.

   ☐ Continued on Attachment 4.

   **and Respondent's OSC re professional driver for Petitioner

5. The following additional hearings and other proceedings (including discovery matters) are presently scheduled in this case *(for each, describe the date, time, place, and subject matter)*: January 7, 2008, 10:00 a.m., Trope and Trope- **Deposition of Ashley Chapman**; January 7, 2008, 1:00 p.m., Trope and Trope- **Deposition of Christina Cindrich**; January 24, 2008, 10:00 a.m., Kaplan & Simon- **Deposition of Oscar Anthony Barretto**; January 25, 2008, 9:00 a.m., Trope and Trope- **Deposition of Lonni Jones**; January 29, 2008, 10:00 a.m., Kaplan & Simon- **Deposition of Adam Leber**; April 9, 1:30 p.m. and April 10 and 11, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Dept. 88- **Hearing on Child Custody Evaluation**

   ☐ Continued on Attachment 5.

6. Trial in this action or proceeding
   a. ☒ is not yet set. (post-Judgment)
   b. ☐ is set as follows *(specify the date, time, and place)*:

7. **Other.** Other matters that the court should consider in determining whether to grant this motion are the following *(explain)*:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
Date: January 2, 2008

TROPE AND TROPE/TARA L. SCOTT
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

8. Number of pages attached: _____

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NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL—CIVIL	HEARING DATE: February 4, 2008 DEPT.: 88 TIME: 8:45 a.m. BEFORE HON.: Scott Gordon DATE ACTION FILED: 11/07/06 TRIAL DATE: None

TO *(name and address of client)*: BRITNEY SPEARS, **ADDRESS CONFIDENTIAL BUT WILL BE PROVIDED TO OPPOSING COUNSEL AND THE COURT UNDER SEAL**

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that *(name of withdrawing attorney)*: TROPE AND TROPE/SORRELL TROPE moves under California Code of Civil Procedure section 284(2) and California Rules of Court, rule 3.1362, for an order permitting the attorney to be relieved as attorney of record in this action or proceeding.

2. A hearing on this motion to be relieved as counsel will be held as follows:

a. Date: February 4, 2008	Time: 8:45 a.m.	Dept.: 88	Room:

b. The address of the court: [X] same as noted above [ ] other *(specify)*:

3. This motion is supported by the accompanying declaration, the papers and records filed in this action or proceeding, and the following additional documents or evidence *(specify)*:

(This motion does not need to be accompanied by a memorandum of points and authorities. Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1362.)

4. The client presently represented by the attorney is
   a. [X] an individual.
   b. [ ] a corporation.
   c. [ ] a partnership.
   d. [ ] an unincorporated association.
   e. [ ] a guardian.
   f. [ ] a conservator.
   g. [ ] a trustee.
   h. [ ] a personal representative.
   i. [ ] a probate fiduciary.
   j. [ ] a guardian ad litem.
   k. [ ] other *(specify)*:

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NOTICE TO CLIENT

If this motion to be relieved as counsel is granted, your present attorney will no longer be representing you. You may not in most cases represent yourself If you are one of the parties on the following list:

- A guardian
- A conservator
- A trustee
- A personal representative
- A probate fiduciary
- A corporation
- A guardian ad litem
- An unincorporated association

If you are one of these parties, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING LEGAL REPRESENTATION. Failure to retain an attorney may lead to an order striking the pleadings or to the entry of a default judgment.

5. If this motion is granted and a client is representing himself or herself, the client will be solely responsible for the case.

NOTICE TO CLIENT WHO WILL BE UNREPRESENTED

If this motion to be relieved as counsel is granted, you will not have an attorney representing you. You may wish to seek legal assistance. If you do not have a new attorney to represent you in this action or proceeding, and you are legally permitted to do so, you will be representing yourself. It will be your responsibility to comply with all court rules and applicable laws. If you fail to do so, or fail to appear at hearings, action may be taken against you. You may lose your case.

6. If this motion is granted, the client must keep the court informed of the client's current address.

NOTICE TO CLIENT WHO WILL BE UNREPRESENTED

If this motion to be relieved as counsel is granted, the court needs to know how to contact you. If you do not keep the court and other parties informed of your current address and telephone number, they will not be able to send you notices of actions that may affect you, including actions that may adversely affect your interests or result in your losing the case.

Date: JANUARY 2, 2008

TROPE AND TROPE/TARA L. SCOTT
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY)

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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In re Marriage of Petitioner: BRITNEY SPEARS and Respondent: KEVIN FEDERLINE	CASE NO. BD 455 662 CONDITIONALLY UNDER SEAL PROOF OF SERVICE Comm. Scott M. Gordon Department: 88

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In re Marriage of SPEARS/FEDERLINE L.A.S.C. Case No. BD 455 662

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 12121 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 801, Los Angeles, California 90025.

On, January 2, 2008, I served the foregoing documents described as **NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL - CIVIL; DECLARATION IN SUPPORT ATTORNEY'S MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL - CIVIL; CONFIDENTIAL AND FILED UNDER SEAL** on the interested party(ies) in this action:

[X] BY PLACING

[] the original [X] a true copy thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

** Mark V. Kaplan, Esq.
James M. Simon, Esq.
Kaplan & Simon
2049 Century Park E #2660
Los Angeles, CA 90067

* Britney Spears **(Confidential and Filed Under Seal)**
Via Fax and Mail

[X] **** VIA PERSONAL SERVICE**
I personally delivered such envelope(s) to the offices of the addressee during regular business hours on said date.

[X] ***** VIA MAIL**
[X] I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice, it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day, with postage thereon fully prepaid, at 12121 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California, in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

[x] ***** VIA TELECOPIER**
A copy of the above-referenced document(s) was transmitted, via facsimile transmission, to the above addressee on said date.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the above is true and correct.

Executed January 2, 2008, at Los Angeles, California.

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